



# Compliance Review

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**FOCUS:** New alternatives to comply with Opening and Closing Notification, standard 56/57.1000. In carrying out MSHA's enforcement requirements, inspectors travel to mines they believe to be operational, only to find the mine temporarily or permanently closed. 30 CFR. 56/57.1000 requires operator notification for either **Commencement** of operations (intermittent or continuous) or **Closure** (temporary or permanent). Effective February 1, 2012, two new alternatives are available to aid in meeting the requirements of 30 CFR 56/57.1000 reporting. Online Reporting: [www.msha.gov/forms/forms.asp](http://www.msha.gov/forms/forms.asp) and Toll Free Telephone Call: 1-800-746-1553. In addition to the two new notification options, mine operators will still be able to notify the local field office by Fax, Mail, (address at bottom of page) or Email [madril.mario@dol.gov](mailto:madril.mario@dol.gov)

## TOP FIVE CITATIONS FOR THE MONTH:

56.12002 - Proper installation again tops the list, schedule an audit of your electrical equipment  
56.12004 - Audit you power cords, exposed inner conductors could cause shock or electrocution  
56.14107a - The three "R's" Recognize, Report and Repair  
56.20003 - Housekeeping, leading cause of slip, trip and fall injuries, how is your incident rate?  
56.14100b - Defects affecting Safety, check the list below for five new "Rules to Live By" standards. It is on the list and will be reviewed for special assessment if cited.

## Be a problem solver and save lives

### "Accident Buster Tip" Contest

Submit your safety suggestions to MSHA, and if adopted as an Accident Buster Safety Awareness Tip and posted on the MSHA web site, you will receive a Limited Edition Collectors Series sticker and cloth shoulder patch. In addition, you and your employer will receive a letter of recognition and appreciation from the Director of Technical Support.

**HOW TO ENTER:** Email your suggestion to [zzMSHA-MinersTips@dol.gov](mailto:zzMSHA-MinersTips@dol.gov)

**COMPLIANCE TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES:** "Rules to Live By III: Preventing Common Mining Deaths" is to reduce deaths and injuries from the targeted standards by having mine operators identify and correct all hazardous conditions, having miners trained in the types of conditions leading to deaths, and MSHA directing enforcement toward confirming that violations related to these conditions are not present at mines. **Priority Standards:** [Metal/Nonmetal](#) (CTRL + Click to follow to link) ) Read the standards carefully, insure that all of your team members understand what is required. **Training:** [Online Training](#) (CTRL + click to follow to link)

**Compliance Facts:** Our office receives many calls concerning where MSHA Jurisdiction ends and where OSHA jurisdiction begins. What are Specific Examples of MSHA Authority, detailed examples of Metal and Non Metal minerals as well as subgroups of minerals? Take a look: CTRL + click on <http://www.msha.gov/MOU/1979mshaoshammu.HTM>

**Mark Your Calendar**  
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